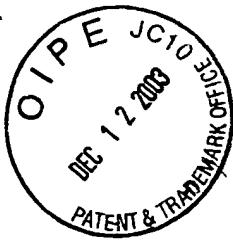


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Please amend the paragraph at p. 4 lines 15-17 as follows:

FIG. 6 is a flow diagram of a method in accordance with the preferred embodiments for a class loader to perform the step of loading a class in step [530] 520 of FIG. 5;

Please amend the paragraph at p. 4 lines 24-25 as follows:

FIG. 10 is a flow diagram of one suitable method for performing the runtime checks in step [550] 540 of FIG. 5;

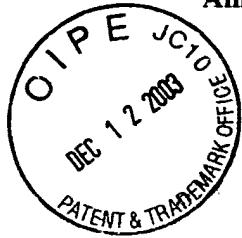
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